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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR  
PLASMA ETCHING OF A SELF-ALIGNED  
CONTACT OPENING

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, before "Field of the Invention," please insert ☒ This application is a  
divisional of application Serial No. 09/752,685, filed on January 3, 2001, which is  
incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-25 and claims 36-70.